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WALLER EXECUTION HALTED

Fourth Class Of Army Air Cadets Begins Training For 99th Squad

Many Schools Represented In New Group

New Recruits Are Welcomed By Pres. Patterson

TUSKEGEE Inst., Ala. —(S.N.S.)—The fourth group of young men to begin their training as flying cadets for the 99th Pursuit Squadron arrived here Saturday from eight different states.

They were welcomed to Tuskegee by President Patterson F. by President F. D. Patterson of Tuskegee Institute, which is cooperating with the United States Army Air Corps in conducting the only all-Negro army flying school in the world.

The new recruits bring with them athletic records from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina and Virginia Union University, Richmond, three CAA private pilot's licenses; one has taught school; one has done graduate work; one has served in the Merchant Marine; two are members of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, while one is affiliated with the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Nine schools are represented, six of which are Negro institutions—Hampton Institute, Virginia State Fayetteville (N. C.) State Teachers College, Kentucky State Johnson C. Smith and Howard University.

Three white schools are represented, University of Michigan, Eastern Illinois College and Washington State University.

Pioneer Colored Jackson Citizen Passes Away

The death of Elias Luther Roseman at a local hospital a few days ago brought to a close the life of one of the outstanding Pioneer Citizens of Jackson.

He was born in Grenada County, Mississippi, and his early years were spent in Pontotoc and Water Valley where he was married and was very active in Civic and Religious work. On January 20th, 1907 he came to Jackson and for many years was employed by the Fuller Jennings Wholesale Company. Later he became an employee of the I. C. Railroad Company having been retired in 1939 after 23 years of active and continuous service.

The things that made him outstanding were his loyalty to the causes he sponsored and the friends associated with him. He joined Pearl Street A.M.E. Church the next Sunday after reaching Jackson, and at the time of his death was a class leader, Chairman of the Steward Board, Member of the Men's Bible Class, Treasurer of Conference Claims of the church and President of the I. C. Negro Boosters Club.

An impressive and simple funeral was conducted at Pearl Street A.M.E. Church Monday afternoon in the presence of a large host of church and community friends. The sermon by Rev. H. W. Hennings, former pastor of Pearl St. A.M.E. Church closed the service which had heard brief remarks by the present pastor, Rev. B. J. Holan, Dr. J. W. Hair, pres. S. L. Green, Jr., Dr. E. A. Scott, Rev. W. P. Whitfield, and Messrs B. I. Robinson, S. W. Miller, and J. R. Chambliss, with music being furnished by the choir.

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Blind Students In Air Raid Drill



NEW YORK—In orderly manner, blind students leave the main school building after the alarm was sounded during a simulated air raid at the New York Institute for the Education of Blind.

A troop of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, students at the Institute, helped the official air raid warden from Zone 1 in the Bronx evacuate the school building and administered first aid to the "injured." An American Red Cross disaster relief unit also participated in the demonstration, Dec. 2.

Governor Halts Execution Of Virginia Sharecropper

New Appeal Is Based On Old Law Concerning Poll Taxes

RICHMOND, Va.—(S.N.S.)—The execution of Odell Waller, 24-year old Negro sharecropper, for the shooting of his white landlord, Oscar Davis, at Gretna, Va., in 1940 in a dispute over crop shares, was stayed Thursday until March 30th, 1942 by Governor James H. Price of Virginia in response to appeals by Workers Defense League attorneys for time for the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia to act upon a writ of habeas corpus which raises the poll tax issue.

The petition for a writ of habeas corpus, filed last week in Virginia's highest court, uncovered an 1870 Act of Congress which, according to the Workers Defense League, which is handling Waller's defense, may give the Supreme Court of the United States a new basis for holding payment of a poll tax unconstitutional as a qualification for voting. The court cannot act

on the petition until it reassembles January 12, 1942, according to reports from Thomas H. Stone of Richmond and John F. Flinerty of New York, attorneys for Waller.

TAX ISSUE RAISED

The poll tax issue was raised because Odell Waller was tried by a jury composed exclusively of payers of Virginia's \$1.50 cumulative poll tax. The petition for a writ of habeas corpus presented proof that non-payers of poll taxes were systematically barred from voting lists and from grand and petit juries in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, where the trial occurred, and that not a single non-payer was found on any jury list. Of the 30,000 eligible voters in the county, only 6,000, about 20 per cent paid their poll taxes in 1940.

Sentenced For Evading Draft

WASHINGTON—(A.N.P.)—A sentence of from one to three years for falsifying his draft questionnaire was imposed on Dallas Thompson, 21, here last week by Federal Judge J. Leroy Adair of the southern district of Illinois on temporary assignments in the district.

"The army doesn't need a fellow like you. You wouldn't be much use to the army. The service wants only the best boys of America. I can't have much sympathy for you", the judge said in passing sentence.

District Director of Selective service William E. Leahy expressed complete satisfaction when notified of the sentence, saying it would serve as a warning to young men attempting to evade their duty in the war emergency.

Farm Youths To Train For Nat'l Defense Jobs

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Negro youths on Farm Security Administration projects in Arkansas are enrolling in night school defense training classes, the Department of Agriculture announced this week. The training prepares the youths to make repairs of farm equipment at home and provides them with the necessary skill for obtaining jobs in national defense industries.

Official report that scores of out-of-school youths between the ages of 17 and 25 are going to classes three hours a night, five nights a week, learning motor mechanics and other phases of defense work. The courses include operation, care, and repair of tractors, trucks, automobile and Diesel engines, metal work, welding, tempering and drilling, also woodwork and elementary electricity. Classes run from eight to twelve weeks.

The training classes are set up by the Office of Education, Department of Interior and are supervised in the various states by state boards of vocational education. The state supervisor of agricultural education is in charge of the general courses in each state. He also works with local personnel in organizing the schools. Last year 250,000 young men of both races were enrolled in the courses.

Xmas Bells Ring At Black-White Store

The Christmas Bells are ringing at the Black and White Store, at the corner of Capitol and Parish Streets, in the heart of Jackson's downtown shopping district.

Featuring a full stock of merchandise to be found in all leading department stores, every nook and corner of the Black and White Store is full of practical gifts and gladden the heart of every member of the family, bought months ago and being sold now at the usual Black and White Store's honest prices. In the list of things to fill your gift needs to be found as the Christmas Bells ring in the Black and White Store are Holiday Dresses in the latest models, Sport Coats in new tweeds, plain colors, fitted styles and in all sizes, suitable for winter as well as early spring wear; sheer chiffon hosiery, satin and crepe slacks, clothes for boys and girls and tiny tots, dolls, toys and more toys, men's robes, ties and shirts.

In the shoe department there are the latest styles for men, women and children, including the latest in majorette boots. These are a few of the gift suggestions to be found while the Christmas Bells Ring at the Black and White Store.

Memphis Attorney Receives Threats

Brownsville, Tenn., county seat of Haywood County, in West Tennessee, scene of the lynching of Albert Williams, 31 year old laundry fireman, over a year ago because of his activities in the recently organized NAACP branch of that community, reflected the mob spirit again last week when a group of citizens of that community threatened Attorney A. A. Letting, young Memphis barrister, when he attempted to present a law case in the Haywood County court last Friday.

Mr. Letting was virtually chased out of the county by the mobsters. The attorney asserted that he would have probably met with violence, but for the fact that he outdistanced his pursuers. When he was arrested on a charge of speeding by Shelby county deputies, after crossing the Shelby County line, Attorney Letting explained why it was necessary for him to rush out of Brownsville.

Mr. Letting had gone to Brownsville to represent Mrs. Ethel Lee

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Soldier's Medal For Unusual Bravery



CAMP BLANDING, Fla. — After receiving the Soldier's Medal from his Commanding officer, Lt. Col. E. C. Williams, Sgt. Robert Mobley of Gainesville, Florida, member of the

45th Engineers Regiment, is shown saluting the "Colors," during review on June 27, 1941, while a private in Company "C," 35th Engineers training battalion.

who was drowning in the Big Piney River at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., on June 27, 1941, while a private in Company "C," 35th Engineers training battalion.

Liberal Donations Made To Christmas Cheer Campaign

Upon inquiry as to how the contributions for the Jackson Negro Christmas Cheer Club are progressing, we find that while the need of help for the indigent Negro poor of Jackson is much greater than last year due to a great curtailment of Government Relief spending, we also find that many contributors are doubling their last year's contributions.

One of the most outstanding contributions in this increasing class is the Ferguson Furniture Company who contributes \$150.00 to this club to help to brighten and bless the humble homes of the indigent Negro poor on Christmas day.

Long live the Ferguson Furniture Company and the other good people of Jackson.

St. Phillips Holds First Anniversary Service

St. Phillips Lutheran Church corner Montgomery and Dalton Streets, will celebrate their first anniversary service in their new Chapel Sunday, December 21, at 3 p.m. The Rev. C. W. Mueller, pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, this city, will be the speaker.

The pastor, Rev. H. C. Bates, who is also celebrating his ninth anniversary as pastor of St. Phillips, extends to the public a cordial invitation to come worship with them.

4,000 Draftees To Be Called From Miss. This Month

At least four thousand Mississippi registrants will be called for pre-induction physical examination by the Army during January. These are in addition to approximately two thousand men to be inducted in the same month on requisitions already received from Fourth Corps Area Headquarters.

This announcement by Brigadier General Thomas J. Grayson, State Director, was in keeping with the policy of Governor Paul B. Johnson and State Selective Service Headquarters to keep the public informed regarding the procurement of man-power from our State.

It is estimated that the 4,000 men scheduled for pre-induction physical examination by the Army during January will be composed of approximately 2,400 white registrants and 1,600 colored registrants. The local distribution of the examinations are contemplated as follows:

At Meridian, 400 white and 200 colored; at Tupelo, 200 white and 200 colored; at Jackson, 800 white and 400 colored; at Greenwood, 600 white and 400 colored; and at Camp Shelby, 400 white and 400 colored.

L. D. Proctor Is First Mississippian Called To Air Corps

Mr. Leonard DeQuincy Proctor, Tougaloo College graduate and an outstanding athlete, and one of the finest type of young manhood to call to report for enrollment in the Air Corps, was called to report for duty at the following address:

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300 Colored People Attend Red Cross Rally At City Auditorium; \$1000 Quota

The Hinds County Red Cross Campaign for the coming year began here with a gigantic rally at the City Auditorium last Sunday evening at 3 o'clock, attended by more than 3000 persons, of whom upwards of 300 were colored.

This year's quota for Hinds County has been fixed at \$30,000, of which amount the colored people of Jackson are being asked to raise \$1000.

With the enthusiasm demonstrated at the meeting, it is being pre-

Negro Children's Christmas Cheer Organization Meets

Superintendents of Sunday Schools meeting at Strangers Home Baptist Church reorganized the Children's Christmas Cheer Club. J. M. Martin, president of the Negro Junior Chamber of Commerce was elected President of said club, N. H. Dunson, vice-president, A. L. Aldridge, vice; J. O. Herron, vice; J. E. Golden, vice; J. V. Clark, vice; W. B. Barney, vice; W. Ross, vice; T. Taylor, vice; J. Campbell, vice; L. Gordon, secretary; J. H. Thurmond, assistant secretary; J. W. Dixon, treasurer.

This club is organized by workers and superintendents of Sunday Schools, no children over 15 years of age will be permitted to register their name to be helped by said club, all children 15 years old and under will please give their name to Superintendent of Sunday School and their teacher of Public Schools.

Smith Furniture Store To Move

According to recent announcement by its management, Smith Furniture Store will move from its present location to new quarters shortly after the Christmas holidays.

The new location will be in the Redmon Building, at 117 North Parish street, which is now being temporarily used as a fruit stand for the Christmas holidays.

According to Mr. Smith, the store has selected the new location with a view of staying within easy reach of its many Colored Patrons and friends as well as to be able to offer furniture at the best possible price at all times.

WILLIAM COUCH
MANCHESTER, Ga.—William Couch died Saturday in an Atlanta hospital. The body is to be brought here for the funeral and for burial at Tishoburn.